

Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. - 17 (canceled)
18. (new) A convertible vehicle comprising:
 - a carbody having a rear top compartment with a top compartment lid;
 - a retractable top connected to the carbody and stowed in an open position of the retractable top in the rear top compartment, wherein the retractable top has a back bow placed at least partially onto the top compartment lid in a closed position of the top;
 - at least one locking device for securing the back bow and the top compartment lid to one another, wherein the at least one locking device comprises a connecting member provided on the back bow and a counter member provided on the top compartment lid below a through opening of the top compartment lid;
 - at least one flap part provided at the through opening;
 - wherein the at least one flap part is movable by the connecting member from a closed position into an open position;
 - a switching member cooperating with the at least one flap part;
 - wherein the connecting member has at least two support legs and wherein the at least two support legs define a receiving slot therebetween;
 - wherein the counter member engages at least partially positive-lockingly the receiving slot.
19. (new) The convertible vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the at least two support legs are arranged substantially parallel to a longitudinal center plane of the convertible vehicle and mirror-symmetrical at a spacing to a longitudinal center plane of the at least one locking device, wherein the counter member extends along the longitudinal center plane for engaging the receiving slot.
20. (new) The convertible vehicle according to claim 18, comprising two of the at least one locking device in a connecting area between the top compartment lid and the back bow, wherein said two locking devices are positioned opposite one another substantially mirror-symmetrically to the longitudinal center plane of the convertible vehicle.
21. (new) The convertible vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the at least two

support legs and the counter member define a support connection that receives movements of at least one of the back bow and the top compartment lid, which movements are effective in at least one of a transverse direction and a longitudinal direction relative to the longitudinal center plane of the convertible vehicle.

22. (new) A locking device for a convertible vehicle according to 18, wherein the locking device secures a back bow and a top compartment lid to one another, the locking device comprising:

a connecting member provided on the back bow and a counter member provided on the top compartment lid below a through opening of the top compartment lid;

wherein the connecting member has at least two support legs and wherein the at least two support legs define a receiving slot therebetween;

wherein the counter member engages at least partially positive-lockingly the receiving slot; and

wherein the two support legs rest with substantially identical length against the counter member.

23. (new) The locking device according to claim 22, wherein the at least two support legs are connected to one another by at least one transverse stay and the counter member has a receiving depression into which receiving depression the transverse stay is inserted.

24. (new) The locking device according to claim 23, wherein the support legs have free ends, respectively, that are provided with a support projection resting laterally against the counter member.

25. (new) The locking device according to claim 24, wherein the support legs are connected to one another by the transverse stay in the area of the two support projections.

26. (new) The locking device according to claim 22, wherein the support projections are roller-shaped and have a peripheral contour that projects past end faces of the support legs.

27. (new) The locking device according to claim 22, wherein the counter member is provided on a support frame having a central shaped recess as a receiving opening, wherein the support frame is secured below a through opening on the top compartment lid.

28. (new) The locking device according to claim 27, wherein the support frame is provided in the area of the receiving opening with two flap parts having a support axle, respectively, that extends parallel to a longitudinal center plane of the locking device.

29. (new) The locking device according to claim 28, wherein the two flap parts are secured in opposing closed position at the upper edge area of the counter member and are transferable from the closed position into an open position by pivoting downwardly when acted upon by the support legs provided on the back bow.

30. (new) The locking device according to claim 29, wherein the two flap parts have opposed peripheral contours in the closed position and the opposed peripheral contours each have a shaped recess for receiving partially the counter member.

31. (new) The locking device according to claim 29, wherein the two flap parts each have a support axle and a restoring spring arranged at an underside of the two flap parts, respectively, wherein the restoring springs surround the support axles, respectively, and are supported on the support frame.

32. (new) The locking device according to claim 28, wherein at least one of the two flap parts has a back provided with a sensing lever, wherein the sensing lever is positioned, when the two flap parts are pivoted into the open position, on an electric switching member so as to provide electric contact.

33. (new) The locking device according to claim 32, wherein the two flap parts each have a sensing lever.

34. (new) The locking device according to claim 28, wherein the two flap parts each have an adjusting module provided with a movable contact part, wherein the closed position of the two flap parts is adjustable, respectively, by adjusting the movable contact part.